

CARDIFF AND VALE OF GLAMORGAN REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD

4th March 2026

16:00-17:00

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

ATTENDANCE

Cath Doman	Director of Health and Social Care Integration, Cardiff and Vale RPB
Professor Ceri Phillips	Vice Chairman, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board
Chris Markall	Assistant Director of Finance, CVUHB (RPB Banker)
Rebecca Hooper	Operational Manager, Regeneration, Cardiff Council (on behalf of Sarah McGill)
Rachel Connor	Chief Executive Officer, Glamorgan Voluntary Service (GVS) (retiring end of March 2026)
Joshua Dowdall	Chief Executive, Taff Housing Association
Sam Austin (Chair)	Chief Executive, Llamau
Christine Boston	Chief Executive Officer, Glamorgan Voluntary Service (GVS)
Sheila Hendrickson-Brown	Chief Executive Officer, Cardiff Third sector Council (C3SC)
Jason Bennett	Head of Adult Social Care and Vale Alliance, Vale of Glamorgan Council, on behalf of Lance Carver.
Cllr Eddie Williams	Cabinet member, Social Care and Health, Vale of Glamorgan Council
Secretariat	
Guests	
Alex Staples	Partnership, Communications and Engagement Officer, Cardiff and Vale RPB
Chris Ball	Ageing Well Programme Manager, Cardiff and Vale RPB
Meredith Gardiner	Head of Partnerships and Assurance, Cardiff and Vale RPB

APOLOGIES

Casey French	Policy Advisor, Care Forum Wales (leaving CFW w/c 09/03/26)
Cllr Ash Lister (Deputy Chair)	Cabinet member, Social Services, Children's Services, Cardiff Council
Cllr Lee Bridgeman	Cabinet Member, Housing and Communities, Cardiff Council
Cllr Lynda Thorne	Cabinet Member for Housing & Communities, Cardiff Council
Elizabeth Jones	Director of Learning and Skills, Vale of Glamorgan Council
Lisa Trigg	Director of Workforce Development and Improvement, Social Care Wales
Helen Williams	Assistant Director of Education and Lifelong Learning, Cardiff Council
Sandra Veasey	Unpaid Carers Representative, Cardiff and Vale RPB
Natalie Drury-Styles	Unpaid Carers Representative, Cardiff and Vale RPB
Suzanne Rankin	Chief Executive, Cardiff and Vale UHB
Cllr Sandra Perkes	Cabinet Member, Public Sector Housing and Tenant Engagement, Vale of Glamorgan Council
Cllr Leonora Thomson	Cabinet Member, Adult Services and Public Health, Cardiff Council

Emma Cooke	Executive Director of Allied Health Professionals, Health Scientists and Community, Cardiff and Vale UHB
Estelle Hitchon	Director of Partnerships and Engagement, Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust
Lance Carver	Director of Social Services, Vale of Glamorgan Council
Lauranne Cullen	Official Observer, Llais Cymru
Sarah McGill	Corporate Director, People and Communities, Cardiff Council
Sarah Scire	Director of Business Development, Marketing and Communications, Plattform
Claire Beynon	Executive Director of Public Health, Cardiff and Vale UHB

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394	1. Welcome and Opening Remarks Apologies and Declarations of interest Apologies were noted. No conflicts of interest were declared. Introduction The Chair welcomed members and reflected on the strong partnership working across organisations evidenced in the ICCS Summit meeting held earlier that day, including the third sector's contribution and the importance of continued collaboration and co-production. Key points - Members noted positive examples from the Summit regarding approaches that support prevention and enable people to live well within their communities. - This was the final RPB meeting for Rachel Connor; members thanked her for her regional contribution and welcomed the new CEO of Glamorgan Voluntary Services. - The Chair noted that the removal of RIF funding could impact several colleagues and requested that partners remain mindful of this during discussions.	Sam Austin
395	2. Budget 2026–27 The proposed 2026–27 RPB budget (£20,162,612) was presented, with confirmation that funding allocations had been confirmed at the end of January. Key Points: - It was noted that the Strategic Leadership Group (SLG) had reviewed the budget in detail and endorsed the proposal. - Members discussed the allocation of funding, historic distribution of resources, and third sector provision. <u>Decision</u> The RPB: APPROVED The RPB APPROVED the 2026–27 budget and noted the over-commitment arrangements.	

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396	3. RIF Funding Impact Assessment The Board received the RIF Impact Assessment, commissioned by the SLG and RPB to understand the potential system-wide implications of the planned withdrawal of RIF funding in March 2027. <u>Key points</u> • The assessment provides a baseline view of risk to services: – High impact: c.£14.5m of services. – Medium impact: c.£4m of services. – Low impact: c.£0.238m of services. • Members noted that many services funded through RIF are interconnected and support key elements of the Integrated Community Care System (ICCS). • Noted the timeline for the Welsh Government election and therefore implications for decision-making regarding any successor arrangements for the RIF. It is anticipated that the new First Minister will be in place by 3rd June '26. • The Strategic Leadership Group reviewed the paper on the preceding day and endorsed it for the RPB's approval. • The RPB commended the high quality and comprehensive work led by Meredith Gardiner. <u>Discussion</u> • The discussion highlighted the complexity of mainstreaming successful services, the financial pressures across partner organisations, and the interdependency between services across the system. • Potential workforce and legal implications if funding were withdrawn were discussed. • Members noted that while the original intention of RIF was that successful services would be mainstreamed, this has proven challenging in practice. • Significant risk was recognised by all partners both at a system-wide and individual organisation level. • The RPB noted the risk of organisations taking precipitous actions unilaterally in response to the risk and agreed the need to maintain a holding position on their response for as long as possible, to enable the partnership to consider its position once there is clarity from Welsh Government on the future of RIF funding or any successor arrangements. <u>Action</u> • All partner organisations to brief their finance leads to flag risk to budget planning for 2027 onwards. • All partner organisations to communicate any change to the agreed holding position immediately should such action be deemed necessary by any one of the partners. • RPB: A review of the position is to be undertaken post-election with ongoing monitoring of the risk by SLG.	

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	<u>Decision</u> - Partners requested to maintain a 'holding' position on decisions associated with RIF-funded services until after the election. - Impact Assessment to be revisited at that point to re-assess the position for individual partners and the system as a whole. - It was agreed that further correspondence to Welsh Government from the RPB Chair was unnecessary at this time.	
397	4. Assurance Briefing Members were advised that the notes from the previous First 1,000 Days deep dive are available on the Private Members page. No further updates were provided.	
398	12. Items for noting - RPB Action Log - RPB Discussion Summary 13.01.26 - Regional Commissioning Board Minutes - Cardiff PSB Minutes - Vale PSB Minutes <u>Decision</u> The RPB: NOTED and APPROVED the RPB action log NOTED and APPROVED the RPB Discussion Summary 13.01.26 NOTED the Regional Commissioning Board Minutes NOTED the Cardiff PSB Minutes NOTED the Vale PSB Minutes	
399	10. Any Other Business Members requested that the contact details for speakers from the session be circulated, which was agreed.	
	Meeting close	Chair

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Dates of future RPB formal meetings:

09.06.26, 13:00 – 16:00 - Regional Partnership Board

19.06.26 - All day Annual RPB Conference